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Hongkong, June 20, 1895. 1256

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Hongkong, June 19, 1895. 1205

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Hongkong, June 18, 1895. 1244

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P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, June 18, 1895. 1248

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Proposed Sailings from Hongkong. China (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) ... THURSDAY, June 25, at noon.

Peru (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) ... SUNDAY, July 12, at daylight.

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Hongkong, June 10, 1895. 1171

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Hongkong, June 10, 1895. 1231

Mails.

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Prinz Heinrich ... Tuesday, October 13.

Prinzess ... Tuesday, November 10.

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New Issue.				
Bank of China & Japan, Limited	99,950	5	2	nom.
" ordinary	199,970	8	2	nom.
" deferred	1,230	12	122	buyers
National Bank of China, Limited.	1,230	10	8.10	\$29, sales
MARINE INSURANCE.				
Canton Insurance Office Co., Ltd.	10,000	250	50	\$200, sales
China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd.	83,333	25	279	buyers
North-China Insurance Co., Ltd.	5,000	100	50	118
Straits Insurance Co., Ltd.	30,000	100	50	\$29, buyers
Yangtze Insurance Society Co., Ltd.	10,000	100	50	\$25, buyers
FIRE INSURANCE.				
China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	20,000	100	20	\$97, sellers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	8,000	250	50	\$337, sales
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Hongkong Rates of Postage.

In the following Statements and Tables the Rates are given in cents, and are, for Letters per half ounce, for Books and Patterns, per two ounces.

Newspapers over two ounces in weight are charged as double, trolle, &c., as the case may be, but such papers or packets of papers may be sent at Book Rate. Two Newspapers must not be folded together as one, nor must anything whatever be inserted except bona fide Supplements of the same paper and the same date. Printed matter, such as invoices, deeds, copied notes, &c. The charge on them is the same as for books.

The sender of a Registered Article for a Union Country may obtain an acknowledgment of delivery on payment of an extra fee of 5 cents.

The limit of weight for Books and Commercial Papers for foreign offices are limited to 8 ounces except to Austria, Belgium, Bolivia, Bulgaria, Congo Free State, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Egypt, France, Greece, Guatemala, Hawaii, Holland, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Liberia, Luxembourg, Mexico, Persia, Peru, Portugal, Roumania, Salvador, Serbia, Siam, Spain, Switzerland, Tunis, The Argentine Republic, The Dominican Republic, The Republic of Honduras, United States, to which places 12 oz. (350 grammes) is the limit, and must not exceed these dimensions: 12 inches by 8 inches by 4 inches.

Countries of the Postal Union.

The Union may be taken to comprise all civilised countries.

Postage to the United Kingdom.

Letters, 10 cents per 1 oz.
Post Cards, 4 cents each.
Registration, 10 cents.
Books, Patterns and Comm. Papers, 2 cents per 2 oz.

Postage to Union Countries.

General Rates, by any route:—
Letters, 10 cents per 1 oz.
Post Cards, 4 cents each.
Reply Post Cards, 10 cents.
Registration, 10 cents.
Newspapers, 2 cents per 2 oz.
Books, Patterns and Comm. Papers, 2 cents per 2 oz.

There is no charge on redirected correspondence within the Postal Union.

LOCAL POSTAGE.

The General Local Rates for Hongkong, China and Treaty Ports (Canton excepted) are:—

Letters per 1 oz., 5 cents (s).
Post Cards, each, 1 cent.
Reply Post Cards, 2 cents each.
Books and Patterns, per 2 oz., 2 cents.
Newspapers and Prices Current, 3 each per 2 oz.
Registration, 5 cents.

(e) Between Hongkong, Canton, and Macao 3 cents.

Local Delivery.

1. All correspondence posted before 5 p.m. on any week day for addresses in Victoria will be delivered the same day. In Town (Ship Street to Bonham Street) West, to level of Robinson Road) at 8 a.m. 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m. 4 p.m. 6 p.m. In the Suburbs, 8 a.m., noon, 5 p.m., unless the delivery should be retarded by the Contract Mails.

2. Boxholders who desire to send Circulars, Dividend Warrants, Invitations, Cards, &c., all of the same weight, to addresses in Hongkong, or the Ports of China, may deliver them to the Post Office unattended postage being then charged to the sender's account. Each batch must consist of at least ten.

3. Boxholders may also send Patterns to the same place in the same way. Envelopes containing Patterns may be wholly closed, if the nature of the contents be first exhibited or stated to the Postmaster General, as he may consider necessary, and approved by him. Printed Circulars may be inserted in each Pattern Packet.

The Post Office declines all responsibility for Unregistered Letters containing Bank Notes or Jewellery and, where Registration has been neglected, will make no enquiries into alleged losses of such letters.

It is forbidden to insert in ordinary or Registered Correspondence (a) Current Coin (b) Articles liable to Customs Duty.

Parcel Post to the United Kingdom.

Parcels not exceeding 11 lbs. in weight are received in Hongkong and at British Post Offices in China, for transmission to the United Kingdom by P. & O. Packet or Gibraltar. No parcel can be accepted of till this is completely and accurately filled. The only articles ordinarily sent from China which are liable to duty are Tea and Tobacco.

Dangerous or perishable goods, articles likely to injure the Mails, Liquids (unless securely packed) or parcels easily crushed, such as hand-boxes, are prohibited. No Parcel can be received if its value exceeds \$500. A Parcel may contain a letter to the same address as that of the Parcel itself, or another Parcel to the same address. No other enclosures are allowed.

With regard to inward Parcels, addressees are requested to observe that the Parcel Mail is not opened until the ordinary distribution of letters, &c., is finished. This postage on Parcels at home is 10d. per lb., the Regulations are generally similar to the above, and the Parcels are sent out via Gibraltar.

Indemnity for the Loss of a Registered Article.

The Post Office is not legally responsible for the safe delivery of Registered correspondence, but it is prepared to make good the contents of such correspondence lost while passing through the Post, to the extent of \$10, in certain cases, provided:—

1. That the sender duly observed all the conditions of Registration required.

2. That the letter was securely enclosed in a reasonably strong envelope.

3. That application was made to the Postmaster General of Hongkong immediately the loss was discovered, and within a year at the most from the date of Posting.

4. That the Postmaster General is satisfied that the loss occurred whilst the correspondence was in the custody of the British Postal administration in China, that it was not caused by any fault on the part of the sender, by destruction by fire, crash, wreck, or by the dishonesty or negligence of any person not in the employment of the Hongkong Post Office.

5. No compensation can be paid for mere damage to fragile articles such as portraits, watches, hand-made bound books, &c., which reach their destination, although in a broken or deteriorated condition. Nor on account of alleged losses of the Contents of Registered covers which have reached their destination. No amount of any article for which the addressee has signed a receipt.

When correspondence has been misdirected or delayed (both of which are liable to happen occasionally) all that the addressee need do is to note on the cover, sent to the Post Office at 7 p.m., or as the case may be, and forward it, without any other writing whatever, to the Postmaster General. This action should be taken the first time cause of complaint occurs; it is a mistake to let such matters pass for fear of giving trouble, a course which generally gives more trouble in the end.

1. Circulars, Dividend Warrants, Invitations, Cards, Patterns, Bills, Almanacs, &c., for addresses in Hongkong or the Ports of China, in batches of not less than ten of uniform size and weight may be sent to the Post Office unattended, the postage, at the rate of one cent each, being paid in cash or charged to the sender's account. Special accounts may be opened with non-box-holders for the delivery of considerable numbers of such articles.

2. Such covers, when addressed to places other than Hongkong or China, must be prepaid two cents each in stamps as heretofore.

3. Circulars, &c., must not exceed 2 ounces each in weight. Patterns, Almanacs, &c., must be under 4 ounces each in weight. Heavier articles will be charged ordinary rates.

4. Envelopes containing Patterns, &c., may be wholly closed if the nature of the contents be first exhibited or stated to the Postmaster General, as he may consider necessary, and approved by him. Printed circulars may be enclosed in pattern packets.

5. Addressees must be complete. That is to say, on such covers as are not addressed to heads of houses the addressee's residence or place of business must be added. Incompletely addressed covers will be returned to the sender for address.

Money Orders.

(Office Hours (Sundays and holidays excepted) 10 to 4, Saturdays 10 to 1, but the office is open from 10 to 5 on the working day next before any mail for Europe, which leaves at noon.)

[Money orders cannot be issued or cashed on mail mornings, when closing mails for Europe, until noon.]

1.—Money Orders are issued at Hongkong and Shanghai at current rates of exchange on the following Countries and places:—

Canada.

China Ports (Hankow, Canton, Swatow, Amoy, Foochow, Ningpo, Hankow, and Shanghai).

Ceylon.

Hawaii (Sandwich Islands).

British India (including Burma and the Agencies of the Indian Post Office in the Persian Gulf).

Japan Ports (Nagasaki, Osaka, Hiogo, Kobe, Kyoto, Yokohama and Hakodate).

New South Wales.

British North Borneo.

Queensland.

Siam (Bangkok only).

South Australia.

Strait Settlements (Singapore, Penang and Malacca).

Tasmania.

United Kingdom.

United States of America.

Foreign Countries:—

Austria-Hungary.

Belgium.

Bulgaria.

China.

Denmark (including Iceland and Faroe Islands).

Dutch West Indies.

Egypt.

France, with Algeria.

German Empire (including Heligoland and the Cederenroos).

Holland (with Agencies at Tripoli, Assab and Massowah).

Norway.

Orange Free State.

Portugal (including Madeira and the Azores).

Roumania.

Sweden.

Switzerland.

Transvaal.

Tunis.

Foreign Cities and Towns:—

Constantinople.

Smyrna.

Adrianople.

Bagdad.

British Colonies:—

Cyprus.

Malta.

Gibraltar.

Barbados.

Bermuda.

British Honduras.

British Guiana.

Dominica.

Grenada.

Jamaica.

Montserrat.

Nova Scotia.

St. Kitts.

St. Lucia.

St. Vincent.

Seychelles.

Sorona Leone.

Trinidad.

Yokohama.

Turkey's Islands:—